

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are without prejudice and do not constitute an admission regarding patentability. Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

I. Interview

Applicant and the undersigned appreciate and thank Examiners Chowdhury and Hutson for the courtesy of a productive interview of the office.

II. Previous Rejections to Application

In the most recent communication, the Office rejected claims 9, 10, and 17. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer rendering the rejections moot.

CONCLUSION

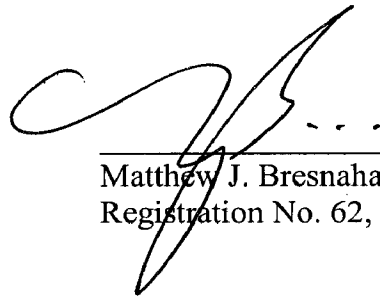
This response is being filed together with a two-month Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee. Applicant believes this response is being timely filed. Applicant also submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the appropriate fee. Applicant believes that the fees submitted herewith are sufficient. However, in the event Applicant is incorrect in its assumption, please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 23-2415, referencing Docket No. 35813-709.831. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (858) 350-2226.

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